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801—11.4 (35A) Notification and application procedures.

11.4(1) Retroactive application to September 11, 2001.

a. The department will accept a consolidated roster of eligible injured veterans from a "flag officer level command" or a central casualty notification agency of the responsible service component as long as the roster includes the following information for each veteran:

- (1) Veteran's name, rank, and social security number.
- (2) Mailing address for check disbursement.
- (3) Telephone numbers, including day, evening, and cell phone.
- (4) Combat theater served.
- (5) Date on which veteran was medically evacuated from combat theater and verification of combat-related injury.
- (6) Date on which medical or rehabilitative treatment was terminated. If the veteran is still receiving treatment, "inpatient" or "outpatient" shall be noted on the form.
- (7) Contact information for the agency submitting the consolidated roster, including point of contact (POC), telephone numbers, and E-mail address.
- b. A veteran filing for the grant under retroactive eligibility must submit an injured veteran grant application form along with supporting documents. Supporting documents needed to verify eligibility shall include copies of the following:
 - (1) Military ID card;
- (2) DD214 (if the veteran has been discharged) or military orders to document service in a combat zone;
- (3) Medical records or military orders to document date of medical evacuation and periods of continued medical treatment or rehabilitation; and
- (4) Any document to establish Iowa residency at the time of injury, such as Iowa income tax forms, or to establish that the veteran is or was a member of a national guard unit located in this state prior to mobilization and was injured while serving in that national guard unit and is not eligible to receive a similar grant from another state for that injury.

A veteran may receive assistance in the application process by contacting the department office at (515)242-5331 or (800)838-4692 or by fax (515)242-5659.

11.4(2) *Process for present and future injured veterans.*

- a. When the department receives official notification from a designated service office that a veteran has been medically evacuated from a combat zone, the department will confirm Iowa residency of the veteran or, in the case of a nonresident, confirm that the veteran is or was a member of a national guard unit located in this state prior to mobilization and gather the required data to disburse the first grant payment. The check will be made payable to the veteran and mailed or presented to the veteran or next of kin.
- b. Grant payments will be stopped if the veteran is returned to duty or when medical or rehabilitative treatment is discontinued.
- c. If an eligible combat-injured veteran is not medically evacuated, the 30 days of continuous treatment must occur within 12 months of the injury.

11.4(3) Commission review.

- a. A three-person subcommittee of commissioners will review applications for those veterans not evacuated but requiring 30 days of consecutive treatment.
 - b. An applicant may appeal a grant award decision to the commission.

11.4(4) Subsequent award.

a. A seriously injured veteran meeting all other requirements of this rule may receive additional grants for subsequent, unrelated injuries that meet the requirements of this rule. Any subsequent,

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unrelated injury shall be treated as if it were an initial injury for the purposes of determining eligibility or allotment.

b. Grants for veterans suffering subsequent, unrelated injuries after September 11, 2001, but prior to March 30, 2011, shall be payable, upon a showing that the veteran would have been eligible for payment had the subsequent, unrelated injury occurred on or after March 30, 2011.

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